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Applicants: Ishida et al.

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Title: "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR JOINT MECHANISM, JOINT APPARATUS, AND ROBOT DEVICE AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF"

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Examiner: M. Fletcher

Docket No.: 113298-002



Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2002, please enter the following response for the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

This response is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed on May 1, 2002.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 11-22 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 11-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a).

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 11-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 4,807,153 ("Onaga, et al.") in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,245,263 ("Tsai et al."). Applicants submit that the combination of *Onaga et al.* and *Tsai et al.* do not teach or suggest all of the limitations of Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 11-22 of the present invention. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the patentability of these claims be reconsidered for the following reasons.

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